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**1 – Spill from ITC Deer Park plant fire threatening vulnerable marsh, Houston Chronicle, 3/28/19**

<https://www.chron.com/neighborhood/deerpark/article/Spill-from-ITC-Deer-Park-plant-fire-threatening-13723602.php>

Oil pockets are threatening one of the only native salt marshes left in the Galveston Bay system after a fire at the upriver Deer Park plant caused chemicals to spill into the Houston Ship Channel.

**2 – Texas A&M Water Researchers Find Waxy Residue Near Deer Park Disaster, Houston Public Media, 3/27/19**

<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/news/2019/03/28/327062/texas-am-water-researchers-found-waxy-residue-near-deer-park-disaster/>

Texas A&M researchers say they've spotted abnormal water conditions near last week's Deer Park chemical disaster.

The team has been collecting water and air quality samples in Galveston Bay quarterly since June 2017.

**3 – No drinking water affected as ITC works to cleanup spill in Houston Ship Channel, 3/28/19**

<https://abc13.com/no-drinking-water-affected-as-itc-works-to-cleanup-spill-/5222231/>

The Houston Ship Channel has reopened, but only during daylight hours, after being shut down for nearly a week due to chemicals leaking into the water from the tank fire at the ITC Deer Park facility.

**4 – NMED: Methane emissions in New Mexico highest in oil and gas regions, Carlsbad (NM) Current Argus, 3/28/19**

<https://www.currentargus.com/story/news/local/2019/03/28/nmed-methane-emissions-new-mexico-highest-oil-and-gas-regions/3287574002/>

The world's largest methane cloud hangs above Farmington and the Four Corners area of northwest New Mexico. But to the southeast, where oil and gas production boomed in recent months, emissions could grow drilling and extraction grows in what could be the biggest shale deposit ever discovered in America, per a report last November from the U.S. Geological Survey.

**5 – Colonial Landfill operators agree to more testing for gas emissions, odors in suit settlement, Baton Rouge Advocate, 3/28/19**

[https://www.theadvocate.com/baton\\_rouge/news/article\\_5d715d20-519a-11e9-8753-7be041201ecb.html](https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/article_5d715d20-519a-11e9-8753-7be041201ecb.html)

The operators of the Colonial Landfill near Sorrento have agreed to increased air monitoring

for two years under a settlement ending litigation over a permit allowing expanded dumping at the decades-old waste pile.

**6 – EPA Lawsuit Around Landfill Emissions Rule Moving Forward, Baton Rouge Advocate, 3/29/19**

<https://www.waste360.com/legal/epa-lawsuit-around-landfill-emissions-rule-moving-forward>

The legal battle among eight states and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over a stalled methane emission guidelines rule for municipal solid waste landfills is ongoing. The states that are suing the agency for delaying action on the rule will have their day in a California U.S. district court on April 25, four months after the EPA's motion to dismiss was denied.

**7 – Environmental group seeks to intervene in lawsuit over Taylor Energy spill, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 3/28/19**

<https://www.nola.com/environment/2019/03/environmental-group-seeks-to-intervene-in-lawsuit-over-taylor-energy-spill.html>

An environmental group is seeking to intervene in the legal dispute between Taylor Energy Company and the U.S. Coast Guard over the company's handling of a long-running oil leak at a site 10 miles Southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River.

**8 – State to spend \$80 million on flood protection barge gate for Morgan City area, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 3/28/19**

<https://www.nola.com/environment/2019/03/state-to-spend-80-million-on-flood-protection-barge-gate-for-morgan-city-area.html>

The state Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority will provide \$80 million over the next three years to build a major barge floodgate on Bayou Chene at Amelia that is aimed at blocking backwater flooding of large parts of Morgan City and St. Mary Parish and five other parishes during high water events on the Atchafalaya River.

**9 – EPA Science Panel Considering Guidelines That Upend Basic Air Pollution Science, Texas Public Media, 3/28/19**

<https://www.tpr.org/post/epa-science-panel-considering-guidelines-upend-basic-air-pollution-science>

Several members of a powerful science panel for the Environmental Protection Agency expressed doubt at a hearing Thursday about the long-established scientific consensus that air pollution can cause premature death.

**10 – Loans to fund water, sewer upgrades, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 3/29/19**

<https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2019/mar/29/loans-to-fund-water-sewer-upgrades-2019/?news-arkansas> Five Arkansas municipalities collectively will receive \$5.7 million in loans for improvements to water and wastewater systems, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Tuesday.

**11 – Water Safe After Recent Gold King Mine Release, Los Alamos (NM) Daily Post, 3/29/19**

<https://www.ladailypost.com/content/water-safe-after-recent-gold-king-mine-release>

Water in the San Juan and Animas rivers is safe following the mid-March failure of the wastewater treatment facility in Gladstone, Colo., which treats drainage from Gold King Mine.

**12 – ExxonMobil to report plastic pollution spills, shareholders say, Houston Chronicle, 3/29/19**

<https://www.chron.com/business/energy/article/ExxonMobil-to-report-plastic-pollution-spills-13723319.php>

Exxon Mobil, under pressure from shareholders, has agreed to report plastic pellet spills from its polymer production plants to prevent ocean pollution, according to a shareholder group that focuses on corporate responsibility.